

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, for bringing up the subject and offering me the opportunity to stand in support of his legislation, the RECORDS Act, to let you know, what you have probably heard, that literally hundreds of thousands—500,000 to 600,000 veterans are awaiting their care based on the inability of the VA to get to their records.

They can't prove that they are due the care, that they have earned the care, without the records. The VA has this backlog, which takes them a year, maybe two, where they can't access their records to get the care that they have earned. So I commend the gentleman for his efforts with the RECORDS Act.

I have a similar bill, the WINGMAN Act, which allows congressional staffers, given the appropriate approvals, to go in and help the veteran do the same thing, get through the backlog.

Mr. KELLER has a response. He has a solution. I am working on a solution. Who is not working on a solution? The VA. It is not the people down in the trenches, down doing the hard work. As usual, it is the administration, the upper staff, that has failed in this endeavor.

If we can do anything in the United States of America—of all the billions

we spend, here and across the globe, anywhere, and all the different programs that we have—the least we can do is take care of those who have safeguarded our freedoms and have earned the care that they deserve to get. The only thing that stands between them and that care is accessing their records. They cannot right now because of this backlog.

The good gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER) has legislation that will fix that, and I urge my colleagues to support it. I urge everybody that is a veteran or a family member supportive of a veteran to write, to contact their Congressman, their Member of Congress, and urge them to support this legislation.

Let's see if we can fix the circumstances at the VA for these veterans.

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend, Mr. PERRY, who said it so very well. These people earned their benefits. Our veterans earned these benefits. They protected our freedom and way of life. They didn't question was it too dangerous to go do that job. They went and did it. They have earned benefits.

What we need to do is we need to make sure that the bureaucrats that are running this—as he said, it is not the people that get the work done every day, but it is the managers of the National Personnel Records Center that need to make sure they do their

job and put together a plan to address the issues, to get our veterans the necessary records, in a timely fashion, that they need to gain access to the benefits they have earned.

As I mentioned before, this is an issue that is not a Republican or Democrat issue. It is an American issue, and it is about helping Americans who have helped humanity from around the globe, stood up for freedom, stood on that wall and made sure we were safe. Now, it is our time to stand up for them and make sure they get the benefits they have earned.

We all urge the National Archives and Records Administration to immediately take all steps to address this problem and prevent it from ever happening again.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

## ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

## EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third quarter of 2021, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO GERMANY AND ITALY, EXPENDED BETWEEN AUG. 25 AND AUG. 31, 2021

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. David Price .....	8/25	8/28	Germany .....		801.53						801.53
Hon. Vern Buchanan .....	8/25	8/28	Germany .....		801.53						801.53
Hon. Gerry Connolly .....	8/25	8/28	Germany .....		801.53						801.53
Hon. Cheryl Johnson .....	8/25	8/28	Germany .....		801.53						801.53
Admiral Brian Monahan .....	8/25	8/28	Germany .....		801.53						801.53
Derek Luyten .....	8/25	8/28	Germany .....		801.53						801.53
Justin Wein .....	8/25	8/28	Germany .....		801.53						801.53
Sean Brady .....	8/25	8/28	Germany .....		801.53						801.53
Collin Davenport .....	8/25	8/28	Germany .....		801.53						801.53
Hon. David Price .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		17,398.35				18,910.35
Hon. Vern Buchanan .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		12,053.55				13,565.55
Hon. Gerry Connolly .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		13,832.95				15,344.95
Hon. Diana DeGette .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		5,451.05				6,966.05
Hon. Cheryl Johnson .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		2,482.55				3,994.55
Admiral Brian Monahan .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		2,502.85				4,014.85
Derek Luyten .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		2,455.85				3,967.85
Justin Wein .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		11,105.85				12,617.85
Sean Brady .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		2,455.85				3,967.85
Collin Davenport .....	8/28	8/31	Italy .....		1,512.00		2,296.35				3,808.35
Committee total .....					15,120.00		72,035.20				94,371.97

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. DAVID E. PRICE, Sept. 28, 2021.

### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2021

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>

#### HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. ☐

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HON. ZOE LOFGREN, Oct. 5, 2021.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2021

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
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HON. JERROLD NADLER, Oct. 1, 2021.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2021

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>

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HON. RAÚL M. GRUALVA, Oct. 5, 2021.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2021

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>

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HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ, Oct. 14, 2021.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MODERNIZATION OF CONGRESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2021

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>

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HON. DEREK KILMER, Oct. 14, 2021.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 2265, the Financial Exploitation Prevention Act of 2021, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 5142, to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies in Hamid Karzai International Airport, and for other purposes, as amended, would have no significant effect on the def-

icit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2511. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel Brian S. Laidlaw, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2512. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Major General Michael R. Penzel, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4208); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2513. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral

Timothy G. Szymanski, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2514. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Major General Antonio M. Fletcher, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4208); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2515. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2516. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public